

movement over the ground, the wheels comprising a first pair of wheels carried adjacent a first end of the frame and at least one wheel spaced on the frame from the first pair of wheels carried adjacent a second end of the frame;

(c) at least one operating unit carried on the frame for performing a turf maintenance operation, wherein the operating unit(s) may be [raised and lowered into] [and out of engagement with the ground and when lowered into] [engagement] engaged with the ground during a turf maintenance operation and when so engaged have at least some of their weight carried by the ground and not the frame; and

(d) a hydraulic drive system for driving the ground engaging wheels of the frame, which drive system comprises:

(i) a source of pressurized fluid;
(ii) individual hydraulic drive motors operatively engaged to each of the ground engaging wheels of the frame; and

(iii) means for connecting the hydraulic motors to the source of pressurized fluid in the following manner:

the wheel drive motor(s) for the wheel(s) on the second end of the frame are connected in series to each other, to the fluid source, and to the wheel drive motors on the first end of the frame; and

the wheel drive motors on the first end of the frame are connected to each other in parallel.

✓ Claims 10 - 16 and 21 - 25, Line 1, change "vehicle" to --mower--.

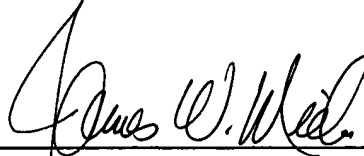
Remarks

It is believed that the claims as presented are patentable over the prior art of record. The additional

amendments to claims 9, 20 and 26 are presented to more fully protect the Applicants' elected invention.

It is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and sent to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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